### **MEMO**

DATE:

April 6, 2006

TO:

Transportation and Communications Committee

FROM:

Don Rhodes (x840)

**SUBJECT:** 

House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation Congressional Field

Hearing

#### **SUMMARY:**

Don Rhodes will provide a brief review of the recent Congressional field hearing held in Corona to discuss aviation.

As a result of our recent Southern California Consensus Trip to Washington, DC, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a field hearing in Corona, California on March 20, 2006. Congressman John Mica (R-FL), Congressman Ken Calvert (R-CA) and Congressman John Campbell (R-CA) conducted the hearing which was focused on "Meeting Future Aviation Capacity Needs in Southern California." Witnesses for the hearing included Mr. William C. Withycombe of the Federal Aviation Administration, Mr. Will Kempton of the California Department of Transportation, Mr. Jim Ritchie of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and Mr. Mark Pisano of the Southern California Association of Governments. RC members in attendance included Hon. Alan Wapner and Hon. Tod Ridgeway.

Mr. Pisano testified on the aviation capacity restraint issues projected by our 2004 RTP and submitted recommendations to the Committee including:

- Funding support for airports in "global gateways" like Southern California
- Funding support for modest capital improvements to individual airports
- Allowance of proportional share funding contributions from airports and major activity centers to help finance development of high-speed ground access options
- Greater flexibility in funding allocated to mitigate the community impacts of airports, including changes to landing fees that give airlines greater incentives to utilize cost-effective air and noise emission reduction technologies

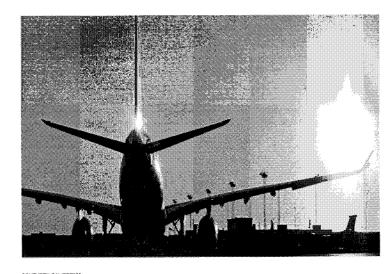
#### **BACKGROUND:**

SCAG will continue to work closely with Congress and the Federal Department of Transportation to address the challenge of meeting the future airport demands of Southern California.

### **Subcommittee on Aviation**

## House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

John L. Mica Chairman





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Mark Pisano Executive Director

Southern California Association of Governments

## Meeting Future Aviation Capacity Needs in Southern California

March 20, 2006

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### Witnesses

- Mr. William C. Withycombe, Regional Administrator, Western-Pacific Region Federal Aviation Administration
- Mr. Will Kempton, Director
  California Department of Transportation
- Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Director Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Mr. Jim Ritchie, Deputy Executive Director Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)





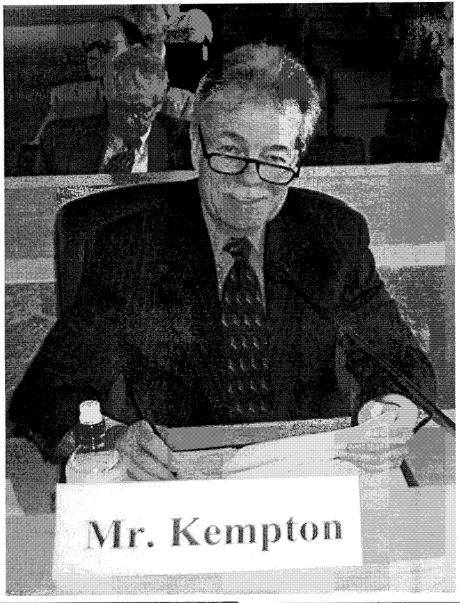






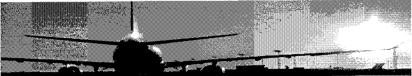
















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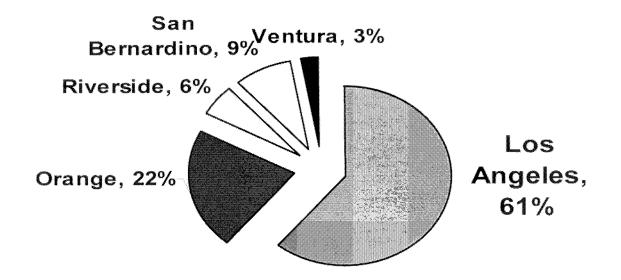


### Annual Passenger Trips per Capita, 2030

Regional demand grows from 80 to 170 map by 2030 investing in the nation's global gateway

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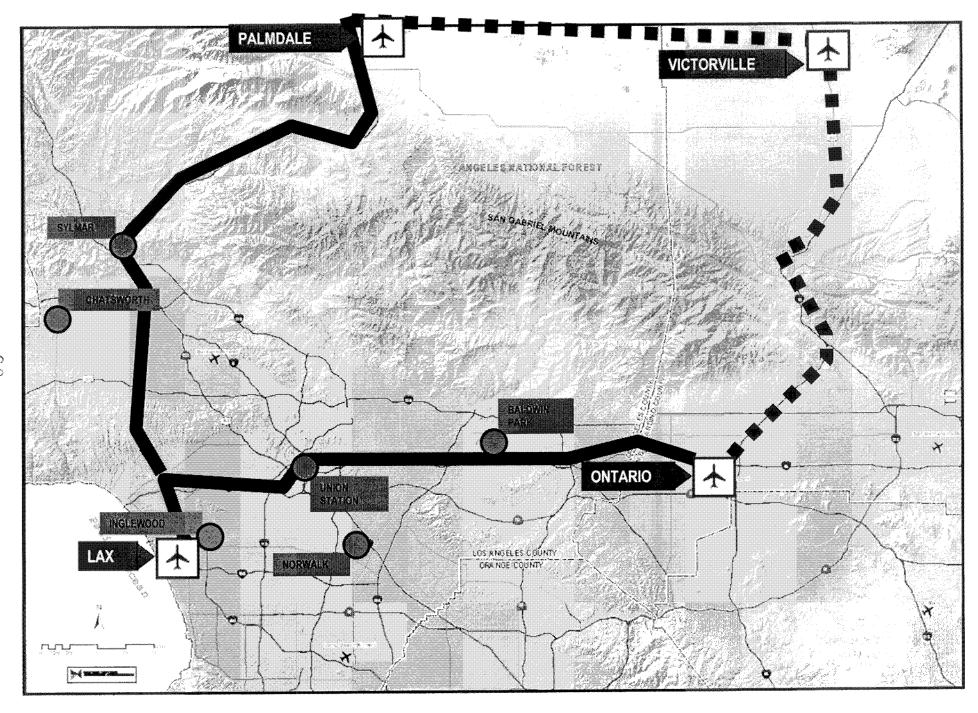
### Passenger Demand by County, 2030











# Meeting Future Aviation Capacity Needs in Southern California

Funding support for global gateway

#### Recommendations

- Funding support for Global Gateways.
- Decentralize Using Existing Infrastructure to Minimize Capital Expenditures and Impacts on Communities.
- Proportional Share Funding Contributions for High-Speed Ground Access.
- Support Aviation System Planning in Large Multi-Airport Systems.
- More Flexible Funding for Mitigation of Community Impacts.







# Meeting Future Aviation Capacity Needs in Southern California







